

SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPPORTUNITY GRANT

2016-2017 Academic Year

Opportunity Grants provide financial support for low-income students seeking to progress further and faster along high demand career pathways.

To be eligible, students must:

- Be a Washington State resident as defined in RCW 28B.15.012.
- Have a family income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (use the chart to the right).
- Be enrolled in one of the following career pathways:
 - Accounting
 - Automotive
 - Early Childhood Education
 - Certified Nursing Assistant
 - I-BEST Customer Service
 - Medical Assisting
 - Office Administration
 - Welding
- Have financial need based on the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or, if applicable, the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA).
- Have a complete financial aid file (FAFSA; and verification documents if required).

2015 Poverty Guidelines (200%)		
Household Size	Maximum Yearly Income	Maximum Monthly Income
1	23,760	1,980
2	32,040	2,670
3	40,320	3,360
4	48,600	4,050
5	56,880	4,740
6	65,160	5,430
7	73,440	6,121
8	81,780	6,815
for each additional person add	8,280	690

Grant limitations:

- No student may receive funding for more than 45 credits in their lifetime.
- Recipients must maintain a 2.0 quarterly grade point average (GPA) **and** a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Students may receive financial assistance for:

- Tuition and mandatory fees up to 45 credits. Funding for no more than **15 credits per quarter**.
- \$1,000 per academic year for books or tools (approximately \$333/quarter for full-time enrollment).

Opportunity Grant process:

- Submit the Opportunity Grant application.
- Workforce/FA Staff will review and determine eligibility.
- Notice of Eligibility will be posted to FA portal and an email notice of eligibility is sent (acceptance, denial or a request for additional information).
 - If awarded, you will receive an email notification of your award letter (retain for your records).
- Students may reapply for the Opportunity Grant each academic year until their grant limits are met.

Opportunity Grant funding is awarded on a **first come, first serve** basis. Students not awarded due to funding limitations will be placed on a waitlist. Priority is given to applicants who do not currently have a college degree.

Questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@spscc.edu or (360) 596-5252



2016-2017 APPLICATION

Last Name

First Name

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Social Security Number (REQUIRED)

Student ID

List the name, relationship and ages of the people in your household **that you will support more than 51%** in the 2016-2017 academic school year, including yourself, spouse, and any children. **If you are dependent for purposes of the FAFSA**, include your parents and the people in your parents' household that they will provide 51% of their support in the 2015-16 academic year. Do not include roommates or others that you or your parent(s) will not provide more than 51% support for.

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Age
← Your name	(self)	

Eligible Opportunity Grant Programs of Study: (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Nursing Assistant Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assisting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welding | <input type="checkbox"/> IBEST Customer Service | |

How much do you pay for childcare per month? \$ _____

Total Current Monthly Income \$ _____
(List individual sources and amounts in the chart below)

Source of Income	Monthly Amount	Source of Income	Monthly Amount
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

Are you currently receiving food stamps or are you eligible to receive food stamps?

- No Yes

Have you previously received Opportunity Grant funding at SPSCC or any other college in Washington?

- No Yes, which school(s): _____

Are you receiving any funding for tuition and/or books? (i.e. VA, Worker Retraining, Employer Tuition Assistance, L&I, DVR, WorkFirst, BFET)

- No Yes, type of aid received: _____

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and accurate. I recognize that providing false information will result in the termination of this application and my eligibility for this program.

Signature

Date